

THE PEOPLE HAVE A REMEDY FOR WRONG

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Hale Clark, Mayor, Washington, Ind.—Not because it is necessary do I sign and send this pledge, but simply because I believe in the force and strength of primary movements generally. Reforms begin with the people and are maintained and encouraged by the people. If we do not look after and care for our interests the trusts, combines and corporations will, not in a way to insure to our benefit. That much is plain. Neither is it necessary that I reiterate expressions and opinions so well and truly set forth from time to time in The Commoner. Democrats have no apologies to make nor favors to ask. I wish you Godspeed.

S. L. Wallingford, Sheridan, Ind.—The common people of this country are on their way to the accomplishment of one thing, the hope of ages to establish on this soil, a people's government in deed and in truth. We should go forward to that result in courage, yielding nothing, conceding nothing, compromising nothing. A people's government will come because we are making political organizations the servants instead of the masters of the voters. I trust you may always have my co-operation in this work.

M. A. Hildreth, Fargo, N. D.—It might be well to ask the New York World what it has done towards assisting good government in the past twelve years, and if it has not been rather successful in reducing democratic majorities, especially in the state of New York.

Frank H. Goeller, O'Keene, O. T.—I sign with pleasure the primary pledge. I have always when possible attended the primaries, but in the past we have been able to vote only for those whom the machine chose to put up. Am sorry to say the re-organizers rather have the call with us. I have always been a democrat, but have taken more interest in democracy since 1896, when we got a policy that meant something.

B. F. Helsel, Lincoln Place, Pa.—I will make all possible efforts to help to restore our shattered (as I believe) constitution. I will do what I can to spread the good tidings.

P. L. A. Jeffers, Palmer, Texas.—The experience of last year has certainly proved the great necessity of every true democrat attending the primaries and assisting in the selection of men who will properly represent them in convention in the construction of platforms and selection of candidates so that when election day comes every democrat will feel an interest in voting and working for the success of the party. In addition to your most

excellent plan and to assist in making victory more certain in 1908, I would suggest that every subscriber of The Commoner who believes in the principles it so ably advocates, would get up a club of at least five subscribers among his republican and gold standard democratic friends each year until that date.

Aug. Belanger, Ridgelong, Mont.—I am glad to have the opportunity to enlist with the army of primary pledge signers.

J. S. McClintock, Prop. Stage Line, Deadwood, S. D.—The plan proposed in The Commoner for the organization of the democratic party for the next campaign is certainly the best to be conceived and can not fail to meet with the approval of all democrats. Its effectiveness is already being demonstrated. Slumbering democracy is everywhere breaking the silence even in this community where the sentiment is strongly republican. The spirit of true democracy is taking new life. That the primary pledge plan is heartily endorsed by democrats here is evidenced by the fact that the few hours spent in circulating the pledge in my immediate vicinity has enabled me to furnish you the list of more than fifty names, duly signed which I will herewith enclose of true and loyal democrats. These are men who have never left the ranks of the party nor surrendered their convictions, and who are now desirous to go record and join hands with the great army of true American citizens whose names are being enrolled in the pledge to attend all the primaries and give their full assistance to this most important movement started by and so ably led by The Commoner. The door of opportunity is open wide to every democrat who may desire to be of service to his party, and to his country. It is to be hoped that loyal democrats will become also active democrats, by taking hold of The Commoner's tow line and assist in uniting democracy at the primaries. If thus united victory will be ours in 1908. Success to The Commoner.

S. W. Webber, Jonesboro, Texas.—I am willing to sign your pledge. I have voted the ticket all of my life and expect to as long as I live.

R. F. Turman, Sullivan, Ind.—The plan I consider a good one, for it will have the effect of bringing the fuller attendance at the primaries and encouraging voters to take a proper interest in all party management.

Warren Steere, Kingsley, Pa.—As long as you are a friend of the common people, you will have enemies; you will also have a host of warm

friends. Keep the good work moving. B. F. Baker, Day, Kan.—I think this is a good plan to get the people to go to work at the primaries and carry out the principles laid down to us by Jefferson.

Jas. W. Pearson, St. Louis, Mo.—Enclosed find list of a few signatures to the primary pledge. It is a good thing.

Joe Buie, Hillsboro, Texas.—I am disgusted with these people who are for anything to win and who are so easily turned with every wind that blows. I had rather be in the minority than on the side of the victors who secure their election through funds contributed by the trusts. Please allow me to subscribe to the primary pledge plan.

J. L. Maples, Coin, Ark.—I think the primary pledge is a fine thing. If carried out, it will keep the side from instructing for a man whom four-fifths of the people are against.

R. N. Darral, Wallaceburg, Ark.—I have been a life-long Jeffersonian democrat. I even voted for Horace Greeley. I think the primary pledge the very thing needful. I do not believe there is a periodical that is now printed that excels The Commoner. Best wishes for The Commoner and true democracy's success.

M. McCoy, Gognac, Kan.—I want the next democratic convention to nominate a democrat.

Will J. Brown, Storms, Ross county, Ohio.—Find enclosed primary pledge for I believe in attending all county and township meetings.

Maurice B. Brown, Confidence, Cal.—I am very much interested in the return of our party to the principles of the Kansas City platform. I trust that my little mite will aid in accomplishing that result.

Jas. B. Taylor, Fairview, N. M.—Enclosed find primary pledge. I am only one of the many thousands who placed no faith in any professions made by a candidate who feared to state his position plainly.

George L. Hayes, Roseberry, Ore.—Here are thirty-eight signatures to primary pledge.

Jacob Lindsay, Albion, Ind.—I have only missed one primary in twenty-one years.

J. A. Poole, Parkersburg, Ore.—I send you my primary pledge. I believe in the true democracy and the teachings of your paper. I am one of the old-time democrats of Jefferson and Jackson. I am a pioneer of Oregon and 60 years of age.

John P. Rideout, Bowdanham, Me.—When the democratic party calls I am always read to answer. Success and

organization go hand in hand. I like your plan very much.

W. C. Parham, principal Parham school, Benton, Ark.—In twenty minutes, I had enclosed pledge with signatures and herewith return it. It is a pleasure to me to be able to render any aid however humble in your effort to save the liberties of our country. Let me suggest that you mail to me about twenty blank pledges and will see that they are filled in every township of the county. If the plan can be generally carried out, it will insure democratic candidates on a democratic platform in 1908. We have, in our political life, reached that point when it becomes a "ground-hog" case with us. If we should be defeated next time, our liberties will be endangered.

DeWitt C. Bouton, Ithaca, N. Y.—Enclose signed pledge which I always have kept and intend to keep always.

T. J. Mullin, Villagrove, Colo.—My grandfather, Joseph Mullin, was in the war of 1812, my father gave his life in the Civil war and I was a soldier in the Civil war. I enlisted in the war against corruption in politics. Lots of times I have lost but am not discouraged.

Dr. J. T. Rooke, Jacksonville, Ark.—We should seek to know what our duties are, pledge ourselves to them and keep the pledge. We therefore find no fault with the editor of The Commoner in trying to induce people to pledge themselves to their duty if they believe in the principles of democracy. Enclosed please accept my pledge.

C. S. Hewitt, Norfolk, Va.—I heartily approve of the pledge plan, and cheerfully enclose same executed. I do hope the masses will thoroughly organize between now and 1908, and when election day rolls around they will march to the polls and vote in one solid phalanx for men who are honest and independent enough to accept as democratic any and all principles promulgated by our forefathers, who formed this government and who so ably framed the Declaration of American Independence.

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Signed.....

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